

Vacancy Details

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Date: 1/16/2009
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Command & Location: NAVFAC HQ - WNY
Grade: YC-03 (comparable to GS-14/15 pay)
Type: Acquisition

There is an anticipated vacancy approximately during March/April 2009 for an attorney to serve as Senior Associate Counsel (Acquisition) in the Office of Counsel, Headquarters, Naval Facilities Engineering Command ("NAVFAC"), located at the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. NAVFAC is the Navy's construction and real estate agent and is responsible for facilities engineering and acquisition for the Navy, Marine Corps, and other Department of Defense agencies. It has more than 17,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel worldwide, including over 100 attorneys in the Office of Counsel at Headquarters and 14 field offices. NAVFAC delivers facilities engineering and acquisition through its five business lines (Capital Improvements, Environmental, Asset Management, Public Works, and Contingency Engineering), four support lines (Acquisition, Financial Management, Command Information Officer, and Counsel), and an extensive network of field activities. NAVFAC's annual volume of business is in excess of \$8 billion, most of which is obligated through the acquisition process.

The selected attorney will supervise four attorneys (three at Headquarters and one in the field) and be a member of senior management in the fifteen-attorney Headquarters office. The Senior Associate Counsel (Acquisition) is responsible for three broad functions. He/she:

- Plays a leading role in developing acquisition legal policy that will be followed by NAVFAC Headquarters and field attorneys.
- Principally responsible for providing, or supervising the provision of, legal advice and services to Headquarters clients concerning acquisition matters.
- With his/her subordinates, works closely with NAVFAC field counsel on acquisition matters and facilitates the resolution of specific issues.

Much of the practice focuses on Federal Acquisition Regulation ("FAR") Part 15 negotiated procurements for construction, architectural/engineering services and base operating support services as well as the operation and interpretation of the provisions of Title 10 of the U.S. Code concerning military construction and family housing (principally Chapter 169) and related fiscal issues. Although NAVFAC Headquarters awards relatively few contracts, the Senior Associate Counsel and his/her subordinates provide advice and services to Headquarters clients and field counsel on a wide range of matters, including, e.g., Public/Private Ventures for housing, outsourcing and OMB Circular A-76, utility privatization, cable television franchises, energy saving performance contracts, significant bid protest issues, labor law problems, fiscal law questions, review of significant source selections, and litigation support in the acquisition area, primarily in defense of requests for temporary restraining orders and injunctions. The Senior Associate Counsel will also provide or supervise support to the NAVFAC Sealift Support Program Office, the NAVFAC Expeditionary Program Office, and the Navy's Geothermal Program. Issues handled by the Senior Associate Counsel are often novel and highly visible, and considerable coordination with senior clients and attorneys in the field and at the Secretariat level is frequently involved. Some, but generally not frequent, travel is required.

This opening will be filled under the National Security Personnel System ("NSPS"), which is a pay for performance system using pay bands and salary ranges. This position will be filled in the Standard Career Group YC-03 pay band (comparable to GS-14/15 pay). Pay will be set

commensurate with the successful applicant's qualifications, funding availability, and NSPS pay setting guidelines. For more information on NSPS, please visit: <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps>. Applicants must have a minimum of five-and-a-half years experience of successful legal practice, a meaningful portion of which is in Federal acquisition law and fiscal law.

Applicants will be evaluated on 1) the depth and quality of their relevant legal experience; 2) their analytical, oral, and written communication skills; 3) their supervisory skills and their ability to build and maintain effective relationships with clients and other attorneys; 4) their interpersonal skills. Non-mandatory but desirable attributes include knowledge, understanding, or experience with or of the Navy, NAVFAC, and OGC.

The successful candidate must be a U.S. citizen, have graduated from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association, be an active member in good standing of the bar (any U.S. jurisdiction), be admitted to practice before a state or federal court, and be eligible to obtain and maintain a Secret security clearance.

This personnel notice will close on February 13, 2009, and applications must be received by that date to be considered.

Interested attorneys may contact Greg Sears, Deputy Counsel at 202-685-9116.

Applicants should submit an SF-171, OF-612, or resume; two legal writing samples that demonstrate the candidate's analytical and advocacy abilities; their current pay or pay grade and step; two most recent performance appraisals if available; and the names and telephone numbers of at least three references (other than current supervisors) who may be contacted. Attorneys who have graduated from law school after 2003 must provide a copy of their law school transcripts including class rank. Send all documents to:

Mr. Greg Sears, Deputy Counsel
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Submission by e-mail attachment sent to Mr. Greg Sears, Deputy Counsel, at gregory.sears@navy.mil; by fax to 202-685-1483 DSN 325, or by Federal Express or similar means due to recent problems with regular mail deliveries.

If the successful applicant is not currently a member of the Navy Office of General Counsel, processing of the hiring action can only commence after submission of those items identified in the "Instructions for New OGC Attorneys" (see Careers section of www.ogc.navy.mil).

Relocation expenses for federal government employees will be considered, but are not guaranteed.

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